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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: USE OF A PLANT OIL PRODUCT AS AN  
AGENT FOR INCREASING THE  
SYNTHESIS OF SKIN LIPIDS

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**COMMUNICATION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a phone conference held on July 13, 2010. In that regard, possible claim amendments to overcome the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, were discussed. Also discussed were claim amendments to overcome the pending rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and, in particular, the reference "Loden" (Loden, M. et al. *The British Journal of Dermatology* (2/1996), 134(2): 215-220. *Effect of topically applied lipids on surfactant-irritated skin*).

The Examiner noted during the telephone conference that the suggested amendments would place the claims in a better condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the application be placed in an immediate condition for allowance.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this communication, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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